

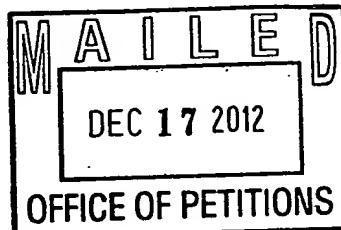


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Application No. 09/693,874
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Title: REMOVABLE SECURITY POST
ASSEMBLY



ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed September 24, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of the second maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is DISMISSED.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. § 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e) and include: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; and, (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2).

The above-identified patent issued on June 25, 2002. The grace period for paying the second maintenance fee expired on June 26, 2010. Petitioner filed the present petition on September 24, 2012, more than twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). That is, petitioner was required by statute to file a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) no later than June 25, 2012. Accordingly, the filing of the present petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is inappropriate. Additionally, the Office notes that petitioner did not pay the second maintenance fee or the surcharge for late payment after expiration. Accordingly, the above-identified patent remains expired.

If petitioner wishes to reinstate the present patent, petitioner must file a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b), accompanied by the second maintenance fee (currently \$1,450.00 for a small entity) and

the surcharge after expiration for the unavoidable late payment (currently \$700.00). The appropriate form is enclosed for petitioner's convenience.

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